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MUMS FIGHT TO SAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRES

A GROUP of Basingstoke mums have mounted a protest to help save the town's children's centres.

By **Christian Wilson**

The number of centres operating across Basingstoke and Deane is in danger of being cut from 11 to just one by Hampshire County Council.

A council consultation exploring the possibility of leaving just the Honeycomb Centre in Buckskin as a family support hub for the whole area is now coming to a close.

Around 30 local mums joined borough councillors in trying to send a message to the authority at Tuesday afternoon's protest outside Popley Fields Community Centre.

And one told the Observer that the staff at Pebbles Children Centre in Popley played a major role in helping her through a dark period in her life after her first baby.

Mum of two Jennifer McGarry said: "They were a lifeline for me.

"I have mental health issues and had a massive relapse after the birth of my eldest.

"But they were there immediately to get me out of the house when I needed help.

"Everyone at the centre is so friendly and goes out of their way to help you."

Each of the centres at Lily Pads in Chineham, Courtyard in Lychpit, Octopus in Oakridge, Badgers in Bishops Green, Pebbles in Popley, Hometree in Tadley, Westside in South Ham, Buttercups in Brighton Hill, Bunnies in Hatch Warren and Snowdrops in Overton would close as part of the plans.

As previously reported in the Observer, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council voted earlier this month to work with the county council to minimise the effect the closures would have on residents, if approved.

In total, the number of centres countywide would drop from 54 to 11 to bring together separate services under one roof in each district and prioritise those deemed most vulnerable.

But protestors were adamant that the changes would discourage people from seeking help.

Mum of three Kath Robinson said: "At a local centre you know everyone there, which stops you feeling so isolated.

"But travelling miles away will mean that you won't necessarily have that connection, which would undermine the community feel and whole point of it."

Popley mum Karen Johnson added: "Some people aren't going to be able to travel to Buckskin.

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• A group of protestors made their voices heard at the protest against the proposed closure of Basingstoke's children's centres

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Graduation glory for officer James

A BASINGSTOKE man joined hundreds of officer cadets in graduating from the Army's world-renowned Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Friday.

By **Christian Wilson**

The prestigious ceremony marked the completion of 44 weeks of intensive military and academic training for James McElroy and his fellow graduates.

Passing out from Sandhurst means that graduates are immediately handed leadership responsibilities and placed in charge of a platoon of 30 soldiers.

And after being confirmed as an Army officer, James admitted that he couldn't wait to start his new career.

He said: "Being part of an elite group of people that have graduated as British Army Officers from Sandhurst makes me extremely proud.

"It's one of the biggest challenges I have ever undertaken, but also one of the most rewarding.

"The training and support I have received has been excellent and I cannot wait to start putting it into practice and to be given the chance to make my contribution on operations, adventure training, and missions overseas.

"I would recommend an officer career to anyone looking for an exciting job away from the mundane nine to five."

Last week's ceremony included the traditional Sovereign's Parade in front of Her Majesty's representatives – a key milestone for every officer that has run for over 200 years.

And the landmark day was concluded at the exclusive commissioning ball, which saw the new second lieutenants proudly display their rank insignia for the very first time.

Commandment Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Major General Paul Nanson said: "The Army is always looking for its next generation of leaders to take up the challenge of an officer career and, over the past 44 weeks, the cadets have demonstrated real dedication, determination and professionalism.

"I look forward to seeing each of them realise their full potential as they embark on their careers with the Army."

• James McElroy graduated as an Army officer at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst last week

Steve to complete his first ever marathon

• Steve Butler

A NORTH Waltham man will run the London Marathon this Sunday for a very personal charity.

Steve Butler will run the 26-mile course for Meningitis Research Foundation (MRF) – his first ever marathon.

The 53-year-old contracted bacterial meningitis in 2014 and is still recovering from the disease.

And with the marathon falling on the same date as World Meningitis Day, Steve was adamant that he would go through the pain barrier to help other sufferers.

He said: "My eyes hurt, my neck hurt, and it got to the stage where I didn't know where I was.

"Nineteen months on I am still recovering, so running a marathon is massive challenge, but I am determined to raise as much money as I can to help MRF and put an end to this horrible and frightening disease.

"I am one of the lucky ones in that I am here to tell the tale, but a frightening number of people are not so lucky."

Around 3,200 people get bacterial meningitis in the UK each year, with the condition causing life-threatening blood poisoning and resulting in permanent damage to the brain or nerves.

MRF chief executive Vinny Smith said: "We are extremely grateful to Steve for running the Virgin London Marathon on our behalf."

To donate, visit justgiving.com/steve-butler11/.

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Plea hearing set

BASINGSTOKE: A plea hearing date for two Basingstoke men accused of stabbing a Kempshott man to death has been set.

As previously reported in the Observer, police have charged Liam Darvil, 20, of Beaconsfield Road, and Thomas David Harris, 22, of Eastrop Way, with the murder of Dean Evans in Popley on Friday, April 8.

Both men appeared before Winchester Crown Court last Wednesday morning, with a plea and case management hearing pencilled in at the same court for July 11.

If the pair were to enter a not guilty plea to the charge, then any trial needed would then start at the court on October 4.

Landlord event

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Landlords of private homes from across the borough are being invited to attend a free seminar to get help, advice and useful information next month.

The seminar will give landlords and prospective landlords the chance to receive updates on important changes and opportunities available to them, and include presentations from expert speakers.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's housing manager Kate Randall said: "This is a great opportunity for private landlords in the borough to get together and receive up to date help, advice and support on a variety of issues and changes in legislation which affect them."

The event will take place at the council's civic offices in London Road on Tuesday, May 17, from 10am to midday.

To reserve a place, contact the Housing Supply Team on 01256 845679 by Tuesday, May 10.

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Headline acts named for Basingstoke Live

THE borough council has announced the two headline acts for this summer's Basingstoke Live music festival.

More than 30,000 people packed into War Memorial Park last year to enjoy Basingstoke's biggest free music concert.

And the town's music fans are to be treated once again this July, with English grime artist P Money and ska veterans The Neville Staple Band revealed as the two-day event's main acts.

By **Christian Wilson**

English grime MC P Money will close the opening night on Saturday, July 9, when he will showcase his unique flow and lyrical ability to War Memorial Park.

Real name Paris Moore-Williams, P is known for his ability to combine grime and dubstep to perfect effect, and has previously worked with fellow urban artists Lethal Bizzle, Wiley and Chipmunk.

And The Neville Staple Band will carry on the good vibes the next night to bring the curtain down on the showpiece.

Legendary former singer from The Specials, Neville Staple, fronts the group, with the man described by producer Pete Waterman as "the original rude boy" due to perform old ska classics as well as new material.

The full line-up for Basingstoke Live hasn't yet been revealed, although there is sure to be a wide variety of music from across all genres on show at each of the five stages.

As usual, the concert will bring the annual Basingstoke Festival to an end, with organisers hoping that the event will live up to the success of last year's show, which was headlined by The Qemists and Mungo Jerry.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's head of borough development and implementation, Chas Bradfield, said: "Basingstoke Live always offers something for all musical tastes.

"This year's headline acts are no different and with a wealth of talent in the borough I am sure the rest of the line-up will be just as exciting."

For more information, visit basingstokelive.co.uk.

• More than 30,000 people attended last year's event

• Grime artist P Money will headline Saturday's show (picture from P Money's Twitter)

Youngsters to eat healthily after grant

A BASINGSTOKE youth project is among several voluntary groups from across the county to receive a financial boost.

Westside Community Association (WCA) in South Ham has received £3,303 from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF).

The funds are to be used by WCA as part of the Westside Youth Project to help encourage young people to eat healthily and learn how to cook nutritious meals for themselves.

Youngsters from South Ham will get the opportunity to be able to grow and cook their own vegetables, while also working with volunteers from the multi-cultural communities in Basingstoke to experience food from different cultures.

WCA senior youth and community development worker, Katherine Parish, said: "Many of the young people who attend Westside Youth Project exhibit challenging behaviour, have turbulent family backgrounds and few social aspirations.

"The provision of a healthy meal has an immediate calming impact on behaviour."

Protestors continue fight to save children's centres

• *From front page*

"I would have given up breastfeeding if it wasn't for the centres, and they helped me to go out and meet new people again."

Residents will be able to take part in the consultation until May 3, with the county council insisting that support services would not be adversely affected.

Executive lead member for children's services, Cllr Keith Mans, said: "At the consultation awareness raising drop-in events we have held, quite a number of organisations who have attended have expressed an interest in running community activities such as parenting groups from the buildings.

"This would be in addition to the proposal for the provision of a fully operational children's centre in each of Hampshire's 11 districts, located in areas where families in need live."

But campaign organiser Catherine Ovenden has warned the authority that she and the campaigners "won't go away" until the centres are saved.

She added: "I won't let them take our centres away, and will take the council to the European court if I have to.

"It makes no sense at all to close children's centres – it's just nonsense."

To take part in the consultation, go to the website: hants.gov.uk/childrens-services-consultation.

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Police warning after elderly hit by cash scam

RESIDENTS have been urged to be extra vigilant after two elderly people were scammed out of money in Basingstoke last week.

In both cases the victims were convinced to transfer a significant amount of cash by people pretending to work for the Metropolitan Police.

The person on the end of the phone told residents their money was at risk from fraud and convinced them to hand over bank details to transfer the funds to a "safer" account.

An 88-year-old man from South Ham was persuaded to place £15,000 into two separate bank accounts last Monday, before then being told to hand a further £9,000 to a courier.

And the other incident then saw an 86-year-old woman from Sherborne St John convinced to transfer £4,000 to another account last Thursday as part of an identical scam.

Police have advised residents never to give out personal information about their bank account over the phone, and to immediately cancel any cards that have been compromised.

Officers also urged the public to never hand over money to someone at the door to be sent off elsewhere, and to ask anyone calling claiming to be from the police to give them their identification number.

New statistics will 'show reality' of police assaults

HAMPSHIRE Police Federation's chairman has praised the Home Office for calling for a change in the way data on the number of police officers assaulted is collected.

By **Christian Wilson**

A total of 1,007 officers were targeted last year in the county – placing Hampshire Constabulary as the second highest recipients of abuse nationwide behind the Metropolitan Police.

Crucially however, Hampshire was one of only three forces in the country to have taken their data from crime recording systems, while others based their figures on health and safety records.

But the Home Office has requested that data from both systems be provided for this year's results – something Hampshire Police Federation chairman John Apter feels will help "show the reality" of the trauma faced by officers.

He said: "We know from research we've done that probably only about 20 or 25 per cent of actual assaults get recorded on the health and safety system, so there's a massive disparity.

"If chief constables want a true and accurate picture of the level of violence being used against their officers and staff on a daily basis, then they are morally obliged to make sure that the data is passed across to the Home Office.

"Up to now many forces just don't know how many of their own people are getting assaulted, and this must change."

Hampshire Constabulary and the College of Policing have commissioned research into assaults on police staff, which will see the organisations look at around 1,000 assaults – the first study of its kind in the UK.

As previously reported in the Observer, the number of police officers across the county taking long-term sick leave for psychological reasons has increased by 54 per cent over the last five years.

And with the 23,000 police assaults recorded in England and Wales last year potentially a long way off the actual figure, Mr Apter is hoping that the release of more accurate numbers will help change attitudes.

He said: "This will show the reality of violence against officers and staff.

"Policing is dangerous, and we will never stop all officers getting assaulted, but we can make sure we manage the risks better.

"Treating officers as victims is very often all that needs to happen, don't treat them like being assaulted is just 'part of the job', as that makes it acceptable."

Policing minister Mike Penning added: "Our police do a difficult job protecting our communities and keeping crime down.

"They put themselves in harm's way to keep the rest of us safe.

"One assault on a police officer is one too many."

• Police Federation chairman John Apter

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Mayor in show

BASINGSTOKE: The mayor of Basingstoke and Deane will appear on stage at The Anvil next month.

Anne Court will make an appearance in Act 2 of Ellen Kent & Opera and Ballet International's Die Fledermaus on Wednesday, May 4.

Art exhibition

BASINGSTOKE: An art exhibition is currently on display at The Ark Conference Centre.

Art and photographs from 22 different artists is on show for the Spectrum exhibition.

The exhibition runs until July 9, with artists set to donate 20 per cent of the proceeds to the medical trust charity.

Café reopens

KINGSCLERE: After a short closure for a complete refurbishment, the 14-seat café in Swan Street re-opened last week.

Newly named HonestyKingsclere will now open seven days a week and serve Fairtrade coffee and Danish pastries, croissants and freshly-baked bread.

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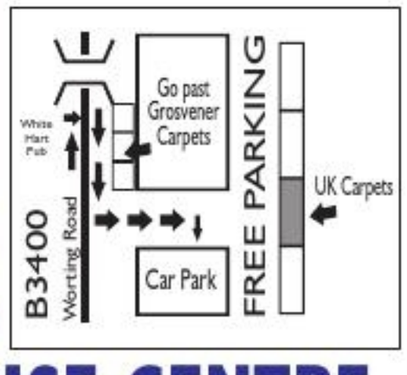

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Plans submitted for Rooksdown housing

AN APPLICATION to build 94 new homes in Rooksdown has been submitted to Basingstoke's council.

By **Christian Wilson**

The £8.7million plans would see a mixture of 66 houses and 28 flats built on land in Priestley Road and at the Aldermaston Road Triangle off the A340.

• Rooksdown councillor Simon Bound

Up to 40 per cent of the homes would be set aside for affordable housing as part of the development, which would also include a public open space area and new vehicle access from Priestley Road.

Applicant Bovis Homes has included 184 car parking spaces in the plans for the site - roughly the size of four football pitches.

But Rooksdown councillor Simon Bound has predicted that this number would not be sufficient, due to people using the space to park when visiting the neighbouring Basingstoke hospital.

He said: "The traffic for this site will be sharing access with the major entrance to the hospital and its car parks.

"Congestion on Priestley Road can be severe and I am very concerned about the width of the road.

"I believe it will be inevitable that hospital cars will try and use the adjoining roads for car parking.

"Even if this is not planned, with the current waiting times to access the car park, ill judged decisions may be made when time is pressing."

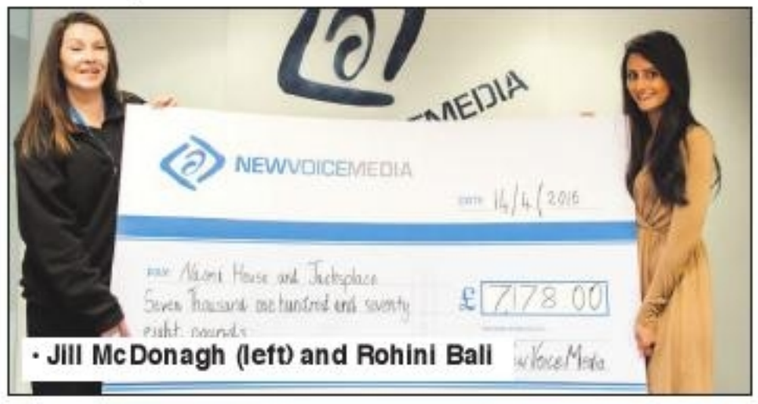
A total of 14 one-bed and 14 two-bed apartments would be built on the site as part of the proposal, as well as seven two-bed, 35 three-bed and 24 four-bed houses.

Bovis Homes held a public consultation exhibition on the proposals last June ahead of submitting the plans, which saw comments range from support for the plans to concern over the density of the development.

The application read: "The proposed development provides significant benefits, including development of an unutilised and allocated site, and delivering a range of housing of different types to meet local housing needs.

"The applicant has concluded that the proposal is acceptable in all regards and complies with the relevant policies of the development or has demonstrated appropriate mitigation to address any shortfall and bring the proposal back into line with standards."

Charity handed much-needed funds



• Jill McDonagh (left) and Rohini Bali

A SUTTON Scotney children's charity has benefited from a generous cash donation.

Naomi House & Jacksplace was last week given a cheque for £7,178 gathered as part of a year of fundraising from tech business NewVoiceMedia.

More than 280 youngsters with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions are cared for at the children's hospices, which is reliant on donations from the public to survive.

The donation will enable the charity to buy a new minibus.

Naomi House & Jacksplace area fundraiser, Jill McDonagh, said: "Without the tremendous generosity of individuals, businesses and groups in the community, we could not keep the doors open and continue to provide much-needed respite, care and support."

NewVoiceMedia Foundation manager Rohini Bali added: "Naomi House & Jacksplace is an exemplary charity, and one that we are incredibly proud to support.

"We are pleased that we are able to give something back to the community while supporting the causes that are important to our employees."

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Stalking week

HAMPSHIRE: The county's police force is supporting National Stalking Awareness Week this week.

A recent study from campaign group the Suzy Lamplugh Trust has shown that people in the UK are increasingly becoming victims of cyberstalking using online methods.

Hampshire Constabulary has been posting advice to residents throughout this week on social media, such as avoiding posting details of your location or using privacy settings on your online accounts.

Detective Chief Inspector Tim Rowlandson said: "We would advise everyone to be mindful of their social media settings."

Mountain climb

BASINGSTOKE: A group of local youngsters have climbed Mount Snowdon as part of a programme aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour.

The challenge to scale Wales' highest peak on April 6 was the final part of Basingstoke Voluntary Action's (BVA) Mentoring programme.

The sessions were geared around encouraging the youngsters to avoid anti-social behaviour, with a shift in behaviour occurring in 80 per cent of those involved in the 12-week scheme.

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Wildlife winners

HAMPSHIRE: The 10th annual Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Countryside Awards is open for entries.

The awards honour those who help preserve the area's wildlife.

People can nominate winners until June 17 at cprehampshire.org.uk.

Awareness day

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The borough council's mayor will attend a Parkinson's Awareness Day on Saturday.

Cllr Anne Court will attend the event from 9.30pm on the upper ground floor of Festival Place, by Pro Cook.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, April 15.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 11447 of Alton, while ticket 49818 of Tadley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 32156, and Basingstoke ticket 09909 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 02494, 07809, 14952, 23648, 24481, 26135, 27399, 34385, 49335, 55908, 58146, 61483, 78071, 86348, 89902 and 95291.

Young offenders scheme launched

A POLICE restorative justice scheme aimed at stopping youth offending has launched a Basingstoke branch.

By **Christian Wilson**

Officers last week inducted nine young volunteers from the borough into the Hampshire Community Court after each completed 20 hours of training.

The initiative sees youngsters meet with first-time offenders their age who have admitted responsibility for a crime and help provide them with opportunities to make amends.

And following on from pilots in Fareham and Gosport, it is hoped that the new Basingstoke Community Court, launched last Wednesday, will continue the good work shown so far.

Anita Taylor, of the Safer North Hampshire community safety team, said: "This launch is an exciting moment, when all of the hard work over the last few months will come together to make a real difference to the lives of young people in reducing the rates of young first-time offenders.

"The Community Court is part of a wider restorative justice programme, and complements existing provisions – it does not replace existing criminal courts for young people.

"We hope it sets first-time offenders onto a better path in life, as evidence shows that young people respond better to their peers of a similar age, and are more likely to respond positively to make changes to their behaviour in the future."

The nine graduates, aged between 15 and 22, will meet at Basingstoke's council offices fortnightly from the start of May, and sit on a panel to listen to facts of various cases.

Hampshire's police and crime commissioner announced last year that £451,000 would be budgeted to spend on restorative justice techniques.

And Community Court project manager PC Mark Walsh is hopeful that the three-year initiative will be here to stay for some time.

He said: "I genuinely believe that young people can be the solution to a lot of problems in our society, if only they are given the right support and opportunities to make a difference.

"I am proud of the commitment our young volunteers have made to the programme so far, which has demonstrated they are up to the important tasks ahead.

"The police service in the UK has had a long tradition of partnership working, which is made even more achievable through the support we get from community volunteers."

• PC Mark Walsh (left) and Anita Taylor present the volunteers with their awards

MP calls for new internet abuse laws

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller has called for better internet laws to stop online abuse.

The last few years have seen the rise of crimes such as revenge pornography, underage sexting and trolling across the country.

There are currently more than 30 pieces of legislation being used by police to help stop online abuse – although one, the Computer Misuse Act, is now 26 years old.

And Mrs Miller, the chair of the Government's women and equalities committee, has insisted the laws need updating.

She said: "We have seen a significant increase in the number of incidents of online abuse and trolling.

"The complex set of existing legislation makes it difficult for the police to take meaningful action when victims report online abuse.

"Internet companies need to acknowledge they must challenge and stop criminal behaviour, by people who use their services for criminal activity.

"By updating or creating new sets of laws that deal specifically with online abuse, it will make sure that the police can effectively use new legislation to get justice for victims and individuals are able to use internet openly and safely."

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Bad weather and technical problems led to plane crash

AN INQUEST has concluded that both technical issues and bad weather contributed to a couple's plane crashing in Popham.

By **Christian Wilson**

Lewis Tonkinson, 50, and wife Sally, 44, died on January 4 last year after the light aircraft he was piloting crashed into a tree in Blackwood Forest.

The pair were attempting to make an emergency landing at nearby Popham Airfield at the time of the tragedy, which saw six-year-old son George suffer life-threatening but ultimately non-fatal injuries.

An inquest into the crash at Basingstoke Law Courts last Wednesday afternoon heard how Mr Tonkinson passed away from a serious head injury shortly after paramedics arrived.

Mrs Tonkinson was also pronounced dead at the scene after suffering severe chest and head injuries, as well as multiple bone fractures.

As previously reported in the Observer, a report from the Air Accidents Investigations Branch (AAIB) concluded last month that "occasional low cloud and poor visibility" might have affected the pilot.

And while reiterating their opinion that "weather here is the overstating factor", AAIB inspectors also told the court that the drop in altitude was caused by problems with the turbocharger control, which resulted in the engine stalling.

Engineering inspector Adrian Coke said: "There was a chafed wire in the turbo control unit, which caused the engine to seize up, and the plane to drop to the level of the trees.

"It could mean that the pilot didn't know the implications of this, or that he had no choice because of the weather."

Mr and Mrs Tonkinson, of Alcester in Warwickshire, were flying from the Isle of Wight to Evesham in Worcestershire when the complications caused their plane to go down at 3.41pm.

Popham Airfield radio operator Melvyn Hiscock added: "I thought he was probably a bit silly flying that day, but people do that.

"It looked like he might be showing off a bit to the passengers, so when I saw he was struggling, I called the police."

A jury of nine people found that both the problems with the light aircraft's engine and the weather conditions had played a part in the tragedy in their verdict.

North East Hampshire coroner Andrew Bradley summed up: "I have no doubt that there is a point where he thinks things are not right.

"Whether it was the weather or the problems with the turbocharger that were to blame here, it is not certain."

· Lewis and Sally Tonkinson

News Bites

F1 in schools

ODIHAM: An Odiham school will boast three different teams at the national finals of a science competition today.

Pupils from Robert May's School will compete as part of teams Enigma UK, Kinetic and Velocidad Racing at the F1 in Schools final at Silverstone.

The event will see youngsters build and race a miniature Formula One car at the home of British motorsport, after each qualified from last month's London and South East final.

The challenge raises awareness of science, technology, engineering and maths among students worldwide.

Bike watch

HAMPSHIRE: Police stopped 94 motorcyclists during a national week of action to make roads across Hampshire safer last month.

Hampshire Constabulary took part in the week-long campaign, organised by the National Police Chiefs' Council from March 21 to 27.

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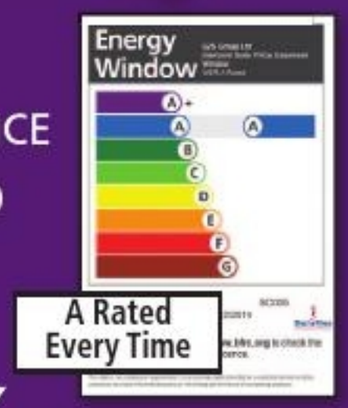

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Tea dance

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Country stroll

CLIDDESDEN: Wildlife charity Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Hampshire is holding a sponsored walk next week.

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Registration costs £5, with all money raised funding the charity. Call 01256 381863 for more details.

Reading well

HAMPSHIRE: The county's 11 biggest libraries are taking part in a national scheme offering free expert-endorsed books to help young people with mental health issues.

Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place is among the libraries owned by Hampshire County Council taking part in the 'Reading Well' campaign to support sufferers.

Contract agreed for leisure park revamp

THE borough council has entered into a development agreement with a major retailer as part of plans to redevelop Basingstoke Leisure Park.

By **Christian Wilson**

NewRiver Retail has been awarded the contract for the £200million project to modernise the park's facilities and build a designer shopping outlet village on the 60-acre site.

The move would see the council avoid paying a penny for the proposed development, should a planning application expected later this year be approved.

A new aquadrome, dual-use ice rink arena, velodrome and extreme sporting facilities are planned for the park in Worting Road, although it is the inclusion of high-end retail that has drawn criticism in some quarters.

The overhaul would see 2,400 new jobs created for the borough, with council leader Clive Sanders insisting at last Tuesday night's cabinet meeting that the opportunity was something the authority "has to grasp".

"This is undoubtedly an amazing project, and I find it hard to think where else you could go to get £200m in investment at no cost to the council," said Cllr Sanders.

"It's potentially an exceptionally good deal for the town, and is an opportunity that has to be grasped."

NewRiver Retail property director Allan Lockhart added: "We are very pleased that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet has resolved to enter into a development agreement with us, as this marks another important step towards the comprehensive regeneration of the Basingstoke Leisure Park.

"This complementary leisure and retail proposal has been recognised by the council as innovative, and our aim is to bring outstanding new leisure facilities to the borough."

A public consultation on the plans is currently being prepared to ask residents what they think of the proposal.

And Basingstoke's Labour group, who have previously raised concerns over a possible negative effect on the town centre caused by the development, questioned how residents would react.

Deputy group leader Michael Westbrook said: "Where do the residents fit into this?

"Where will this project be if after such a belated consultation, the results show that residents aren't happy with the project, or there is a possibility that their town centre could be damaged by this?"

But portfolio holder for communities, service delivery and improvement, Robert Tate, moved to address the concerns.

He said: "I think it's worth reminding ourselves of the potential benefits that this scheme offers the borough.

"We're talking about 2,400 new jobs."

He continued: "It offers the opportunity for Basingstoke to offer itself as a leisure destination on a regional and national stage, while complimenting our other leisure facilities."

• An artist's impression of how the revamped leisure park would look

Acid attacker found guilty

A DRUG dealer has been found guilty of throwing acid in a woman's face – leaving her disfigured and blind in one eye.

Billy Midmore, from Old Malden in Surrey, had claimed to have played no part in the attack on mother of six Carla Whitlock in Guildhall Square, Southampton, on September 18 last year.

But Southampton Crown Court last Tuesday convicted the 22-year-old, who police said had "contacts in Basingstoke", of causing grievous bodily harm.

Brother Geoffrey, 26, pleaded guilty earlier in proceedings to the offence, which saw him attack Ms Whitlock with sulphuric acid over a "drug deal that had gone wrong".

The pair were spotted on CCTV high five-ing and fist bumping on a train just an hour after the incident, before being caught in Gillingham following a two-week manhunt.

Principal crown advocate for the Crown Prosecution Service Wessex, Kerry Maylin, said: "[The CCTV showed] they were not sorry, they were jubilant.

"Nothing justifies the crime they committed on Ms Whitlock.

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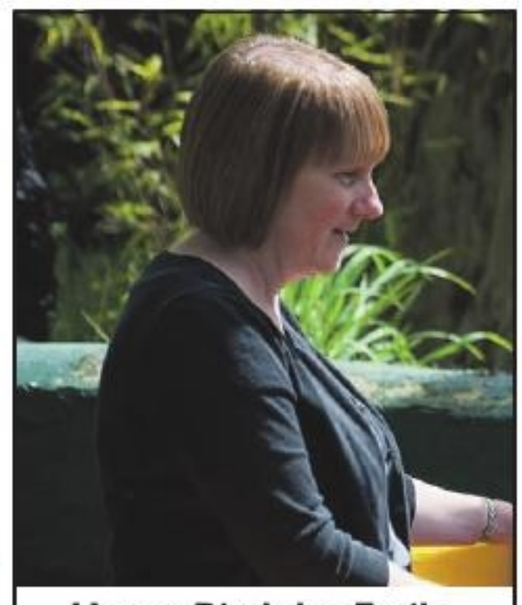

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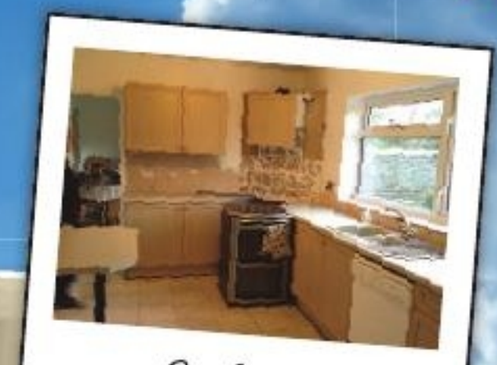

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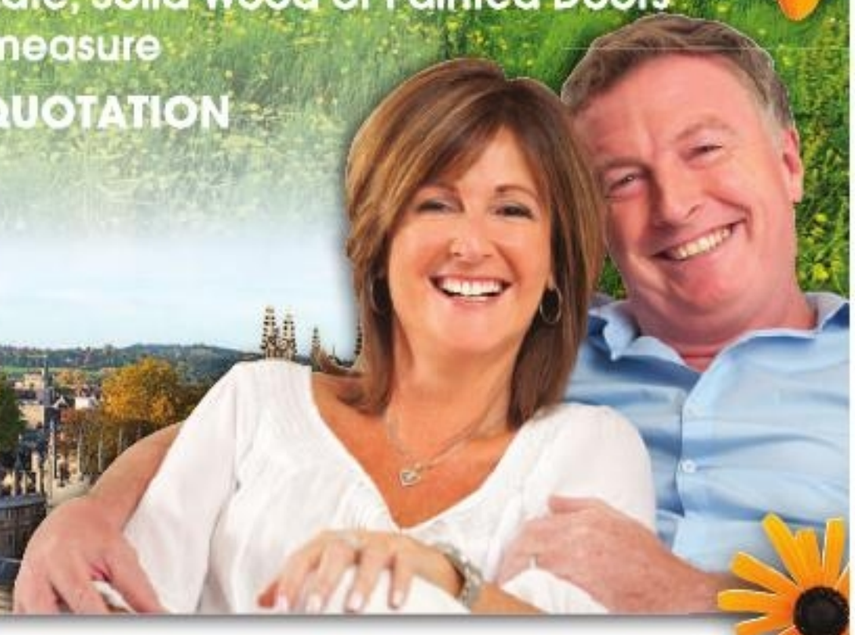

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Friday April 22nd

DAYTIME

BBC1

The Graham Norton Show, 10.35pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 The Day I Met the Queen** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming** (S) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Code** Quiz, hosted by Matt Allwright. (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.45 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S) **6.55 Party Election Broadcast** (S)

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- **7.00 The One Show** Hosted by Alex Jones. (S)
- **7.30 A Question of Sport** With James Ward, Ryan Sidebottom, Jenny Meadows and Martin Offiah; (S) (R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

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- **8.00 EastEnders** Masood tries to muscle in on Nancy and Tamwar's travel plans. (S)
- **8.30 MasterChef** The nine remaining cooks vie to reach the semi-finals. (S)

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- **9.00 Have I Got News for You** Hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell. (S)
- **9.30 Boomers** The couples attend a Murder Mystery Party. (S)

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- **10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S)
- **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
- **10.35 The Graham Norton Show** Guests include Joan Collins and Paul Hollywood. (S)

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- **11.25 Room 101** With Ray Mears, Fiona Bruce and Katherine Ryan. (S)(R)
- **11.50 FILM Girl from Rio (2001) (15)** Comedy, with Hugh Laurie and Vanessa Nunes. (S)

AFTER 12
- **1.30 Snooker: World Championship Extra** (S) **4.30** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **4.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Eggheads, 6pm

6.00 The Day I Met the Queen (S)(R) **6.45 Flog It!** (S)(R) **7.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **8.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** (S)(R) **9.00 Sign Zone: Sea Cities** (S)(R) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** The opening session on day seven at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** The afternoon session on day seven at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S) **6.00 Eggheads** Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine. (S) **6.30 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain** Si and Dave take a tour of Lincolnshire's pubs. (S)

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- **7.00 Canals – The Making of a Nation** The people who operated the canal boats during Victorian times. (S)
- **7.30 Food Detectives** Alice Roberts looks at gluten free food. (S)

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- **8.00 Grand Tours of Scotland** Paul Murton travels up the east coast in a Morris Minor. Last in the series. (S)
- **8.30 Gardeners' World** Monty Don gets his new vegetable patch under way. (S)

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- **9.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends** The chef takes a culinary break in Bordeaux, where he helps judge a local wine contest and hires a 2CV for an excursion to the coast – abundant with mussels and oysters. (S)

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- **10.00 Two Doors Down** Eric yearns for peace and quiet as his birthday nears. (S)
- **10.30 Newsnight** (S)

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- **11.00 Weather** (S)
- **11.05 Later – with Jools Holland** New series. Extended edition. Guests include Laura Mvula, Paul Simon and Kano. (S)

AFTER 12
- **12.05 Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.55** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **1.55** Inside Obama's White House (S)(R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two (S) **5.55** World Snooker: Crucible Classics (S)

ITV

Emmerdale, 7pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S) (R) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 Chopping Block** British-inspired dishes, but with a twist. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

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- **7.00 Emmerdale** Tracy admits her feelings to David. (S)
- **7.30 Coronation Street** Michelle gives in to temptation. (S)

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- **8.00 Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant** New series. The broadcaster navigates the Peak Forest Canal. (S)
- **8.30 Coronation Street** Steve returns to Weatherfield. (S)

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- **9.00 Flying Scotsman with Robson Green** The presenter spends a year working with the team of engineers who have been commissioned to rebuild the most famous steam engine in the world. (S)

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- **10.00 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **10.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)
- **10.40 FILM GoldenEye (1995) (12)** Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean and Famke Janssen. (S)

AFTER 12
- **1.05 Jackpot247 3.00** Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Unreported World, 7.30pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 Will & Grace** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **11.30 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **1.10 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **3.10 Countdown** With host Nick Hewer. (S) **4.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** In Newcastle, three rival couples battle it out to host the best dinner party. (S)(R) **5.00 Four in a Bed** The B&B owners meet for the last time. (S) **5.30 Too Many Cooks** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

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- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)
- **7.30 Unreported World** The Holocaust survivors spending their final days living in poverty. (S)

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- **8.00 George Clarke's Amazing Treehouses** The architect recalls the caravan-inspired treehouse in the Highlands of Scotland, a mirror-clad cube in Sweden and a UFO construction nestled amongst the branches. (S)

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- **9.00 Gogglebox** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)

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- **10.00 Lookalikes** Andy Harmer bags a huge event with a British ferry company. (S)
- **10.35 Lookalikes** One of the firm's impersonators sets up his own rival business. Last in the series. (S)

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- **11.05 First Dates** The latest diners looking for love in the blind date show include tattooed teetotaller Danny and Kate, a mother of one who seems like his perfect match. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
- **12.10 Rude Tube** (S) **1.05 FILM 13 Assassins (2010) (15) 3.10** Toast of London (S)(R) **3.35** Toast of London (S) (R) **4.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.00** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R)

Channel 5

The Gadget Show, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff Panel discussion. **11.15 Beware! Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.20 NCIS** An arms dealer steals secret launch codes. (S)(R) **3.20 FILM The Good Mother (2013) (12)** Thriller, starring Helen Slater. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Toadie arrives home to find Sonya going through his files. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** The hospital calls Hannah with her test results. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

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- **7.00 The Gadget Show** Jon Bentley visits the Bentley motor factory, where he sees the latest additions to its high-quality line, while Jason Bradbury learns what goes into a set of £120,000 speakers. (S)

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- **8.00 Henry VIII and His Six Wives** Historians Suzannah Lipscomb and Dan Jones recount events leading to and during the king's marriage to Anne Boleyn, which ended when she failed to provide a male heir. (S)

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- **9.00 Ben Fogle: The Great African Migration** The adventurer travels to the Serengeti in Tanzania and the Maasai Mara in Kenya, stage to the annual migration of over two million animals on a 650km trek. (S)

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- **10.00 Eamonn & Ruth: How the Other Half Lives** Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langsford turn their attention to Britain's most wealthy people, visiting stately homes, polo clubs and private schools. (S)(R)

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- **11.00 The Hotel Inspector** Alex Polizzi comes to the rescue of more struggling establishments, beginning with a visit to Julian and Gill Peck's Fieldhead Hotel in Looe, Cornwall. (S)(R)

AFTER 12
- **12.00 SuperCasino 3.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.35** House Doctor (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Dinner Date **7.15** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **9.30** Psych **10.20** Royal Pains **11.15** Dinner Date **12.15** Emmerdale **1.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.45** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. **5.50** Take Me Out **7.00** Best of You've Been Framed! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: Delivery Man (2013) (12) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** FILM: Delivery Man (2013) (12) **11.15** Family Guy **12.10** American Dad! **1.05** Two and a Half Men **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Heartbeat **7.25** Where the Heart Is **8.30** The Royal **9.35** Judge Judy **10.55** The Darling Buds of May **12.00** Murder, She Wrote **1.00** Heartbeat **2.05** The Royal **3.10** Where the Heart Is **4.15** Doctor at Large **4.50** On the Buses **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Prime Suspect – The Final Act **12.00** A Is for Acid **2.00** Long Lost Family **2.50** Rory Bremner's Great British Views **4.35** George and Mildred **5.00** Judge Judy **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** BBC Young Musician 2016 **9.00** The Everly Brothers: Harmonies from Heaven **10.00** Billy Fury: The Sound of Fury **11.25** It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC **12.25** Trad Jazz Britannia **1.25** The Everly Brothers: Harmonies from Heaven **2.25** Billy Fury: The Sound of Fury **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Charmed **7.35** Hollyoaks **8.05** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Rude(ish) Tube **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Rude(ish) Tube **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Get Him to the Greek (2010) (15) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Tattoo Fixers **1.10** The Goldbergs **1.40** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.10** Rude Tube **3.05** Tattoo Fixers **4.00** 2 Broke Girls **4.20** A to Z **4.40** Rules of Engagement

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.35** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.40** Time Team **12.50** Come Dine with Me **3.35** A New Life in the Sun **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **6.50** Posh Pawnbrokers **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Blue Eyes **10.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** Undercover Boss USA **1.15** Grand Designs **2.20** The Good Wife **3.15** River Cottage Bites **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Night Passage (1957) (U) **12.50** Escape from the Planet of the Apes (1971) (PG) **2.50** Donovan's Reef (1963) (U) **5.00** Robin and Marian (1976) (PG) **7.10** Legend (1985) (PG) **9.00** Aliens (1986) (18) **12.05** Maniac (2012) (18) **1.50** Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay (2008) (18) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 Storage Hunters **7.20** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **11.00** Storage Hunters **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** American Pickers **3.00** Sin City Motors **4.00** Storage Hunters **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** American Pickers **8.00** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** FILM: The Blues Brothers (1980) (15) **11.45** QI XL **12.45** Not Going Out **2.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.20** The World of Stupid Criminals **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** Forever **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Extreme Phobias, Extreme Cures **4.00** Futurama **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** The Five **11.00** A League of Their Own: Unseen **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Forever **3.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **4.00** Stargate SG-1

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** House **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00** Cold Case **1.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Urban Secrets **3.00** House **5.00** The West Wing **6.00** Blue Bloods **7.00** Cold Case **8.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **1.05** The Wire **3.25** 100 Code **4.20** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109
6.00 Betty White's Off Their Rockers **6.25** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **7.20** EastEnders **8.00** MasterChef Australia **9.00** Heston's Fantastical Food **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **12.00** Wanted Down Under **1.00** My Dream Home **2.00** Heston's Fantastical Food **3.00** Who Do You Think You Are? USA **4.00** Wanted Down Under **5.00** My Dream Home **6.00** Tipping Point **8.00** River Cottage Autumn **9.00** Grimm **10.00** EastEnders **10.40** FILM: Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) (15) **12.40** FILM: The Punisher (2004) (18) **3.00** Home Shopping

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Saturday April 23rd

DAYTIME

BBC1

Casualty, 8.55pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** Johnny Vegas faces food heaven or hell. (S) **11.30 MasterChef** (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the FA Cup semi-finals. (S) **1.00 The London Marathon – A Million Reasons to Run** (S) **1.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship** The afternoon session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S) **4.30 BBC News** (S) **4.40 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **4.50 MOTD: Live FA Cup Semi-Final** Everton v Manchester United (kick-off 5.15pm). (S)

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7.15 Michael McIntyre's Big Show With Josh Widdicombe, Bryan Adams, Jess Glynne, Chilly and Fly, and Ronan Keating. (S)

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8.05 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List A couple from Glasgow seek to win prizes from their personal wish list. (S)
8.55 Casualty Big Mac's painkiller dependency starts to take its toll on his health. (S)

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9.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes throws Trevor a party. (S)(R)

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10.15 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.35 Match of the Day Including highlights of Bournemouth v Chelsea; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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11.20 Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle The comedian looks back over his career. (S)(R)
11.50 The London Marathon – A Million Reasons to Run Meeting those who have been inspired to

AFTER 12

12.20 Snooker: World Championship Extra (S) **3.20** World Snooker: Crucible Classics (S) **5.20** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **5.25** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Snooker: The World Championship, 10am

7.55 FILM Fort Apache (1948) (U) (S) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul** (S)(R) **1.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.00 Escape to the Country** Nicki Chapman helps a couple find a home in Dorset. (S)(R) **2.45 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.30 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain** (S)(R) **4.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Bake Off: Creme de la Creme** Three more teams of pastry chefs compete for a place in the semi-finals. Presented by Tom Kerridge. (S) (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third and final session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where another second-round match is set to conclude. (S)

8.00 Dad's Army Mainwaring appears in court. (S)(R)
8.30 Shakespeare Live! From the RSC David Tennant and a host of performing arts luminaries celebrate the life, work and legacy of William Shakespeare at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. (S)

10.30 QI XL Extended edition. With the Rev Richard Coles, Sara Pascoe and Bill Bailey. (S)

11.15 Snooker: The World Championship Highlights of the concluding session on day eight. (S)

12.05 FILM Mesrine: Killer Instinct (2008) (15) 1.50 FILM Mesrine: Public Enemy Number One (2008) (15) 3.55 This Is BBC Two (S) **5.30** Great British Garden Revival (S)(R)

ITV

Britain's Got Talent, 8pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** (S) **12.05 ITV News;** (S) ITV Regional News. (S) **12.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show** The host invites guests to air their differences. (S)(R) **1.15 Planet's Got Talent** (S)(R) **1.45 BBQ Champ** (S)(R) **2.45 FILM Beethoven (1992) (U)** Canine comedy, starring Charles Grodin. (S) **4.25 The Wine Show** Matthew Goode and Matthew Rhys travel to Montalcino. (S) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.40 ITV News** (S) **6.00 You've Been Framed! Bites Back!** (S)

7.00 Bang on the Money Teams from Essex and Newcastle battle it out to hit a specific target number "bang on" in a series of physical and mental challenges. (S)

8.00 Britain's Got Talent The third round of auditions gets under way as more members of the public display their extraordinary talents to judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams. (S)

9.15 Play to the Whistle Witg guests Anthony Joshua, Kevin Bridges and Jon Richardson. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 FILM The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) An American teenager living in Japan gets involved in illegal street racing, but ends up owing money to gangsters. Action adventure, starring Lucas Black and Nathalie Kelley. (S)

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Homes by the Med, 5.30pm

6.40 British GT Championship (S) **7.05 Brighton Marathon 2016** (S) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.55 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Sandown Park, Ripon and Haydock Park. (S) **4.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** A retired couple seek a home in Spain's Almeria Province. (S) **5.30 Homes by the Med** New series. Visiting the best homes by the sea in Spain. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The Secret World of Lego Documentary going behind the scenes at the toy firm, following a design student as he seeks a coveted position with the company and two fans hatching money-making schemes. (S)(R)

8.00 Arnie Schwarzenegger's 50 Greatest Ever Stunts The actor examines the most spectacular stunts committed to film, ranking Hollywood set-pieces alongside standalone feats such as Felix Baumgartner's free fall to Earth. (S)

9.30 FILM The Transporter (2002) (15) An underworld courier ends up in a battle of wits with his powerful employers when he lets his conscience get the better of him. Action adventure, with Jason Statham. (S)

11.20 FILM Contraband (2012) (15) A reformed international smuggler must return to his old line of work to save his family from a ruthless drug lord. Crime thriller, with Mark Wahlberg. (S)

1.20 Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.30** Tricks of the Restaurant Trade (S)(R) **3.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **4.50** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **5.00** Fifteen to One (S)(R) **5.55** The King of Queens (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS: New Orleans, 7.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The Turtles get whisked through time by apprentice Time Master Renet. (S) **9.30 The Saturday Show Live** Topical show looking at the week's headlines. (S) **11.30 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **3.10 Now That's Funny!** (S)(R) **5.15 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud** Internet videos featuring youngsters doing bizarre and humorous things. (S) (R) **6.10 NCIS: Los Angeles** Deeks is forced to resume an old alias he hates in a bid to protect his best friend and chief informant from arms traffickers who want him dead. (S)

7.05 NCIS: New Orleans LaSalle and Pride reopen their first-ever case. (S)

8.00 NCIS McGee and Abby hunt cyber-terrorist responsible for a city-wide internet outage. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches from the Championship, including Hull City v Leeds United. (S)

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight A round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two. (S)
10.30 NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes A murder is shown live online. (S)(R)

11.25 NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes A child claims his father has been kidnapped. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.00** Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.25** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **2.25** Scorpion **3.20** FILM: Batteries Not Included (1987) (PG) Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy. **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30** FILM: Batteries Not Included (1987) (PG) Concluded. **5.30** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Adam Sandler. **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Concluded. **7.15** FILM: After Earth (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Will and Jaden Smith. **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** FILM: After Earth (2013) (12) Concluded. **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.15** @elevenish **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Judge Judy **6.55** On the Buses **7.55** Where the Heart Is **10.10** A Touch of Frost **12.30** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **2.20** FILM: Columbo: A Stitch in Crime (1973) (PG) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Leonard Nimoy. **3.55** Rosemary & Thyme **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.05** Blue Murder **1.35** Doctor at Large **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 A History of Ancient Britain **8.00** Natural World **9.00** Hinterland **10.30** BBC: The Secret Files 2 **11.30** BBC: The Secret Files **12.30** Imagine – Bette Midler: The Divine Miss M **1.45** It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC **2.45** BBC: The Secret Files 2 **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.40** Jane the Virgin **8.35** Made in Chelsea **9.35** How I Met Your Mother **10.30** Suburgatory **11.30** Baby Daddy **12.30** How I Met Your Mother **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.55** FILM: Dear John (2010) (12) Romantic drama, with Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Tower Heist (2011) (12) Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. **11.05** Gogglebox **12.40** Rude Tube **1.45** The IT Crowd **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Gogglebox **4.10** A to Z **4.30** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.20** Time Team **10.15** Searching for Shakespeare's House: A Time Team Special **11.20** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.30** Four in a Bed **4.15** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Shakespeare's Tomb **8.00** Father Ted **9.00** Sarah Millican: Chatterbox Live **10.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** Father Ted **1.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.20** Blue Eyes **3.30** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) **1.00** City of Ember (2008) (PG) **2.50** Carry On Dick (1974) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **4.40** Congo (1995) (12) Jungle adventure, starring Dylan Walsh. **6.45** The Women (2008) (12) Comedy drama remake, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening. **9.00** Unknown (2011) (12) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **11.15** Filth (2013) (18) Black comedy, starring James McAvoy. **1.10** V/H/S/2 (2013) (18) **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** Traffic Cops **2.00** Storage Hunters **5.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** Blackadder: The Whole Rotten Saga **9.00** Not Going Out **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.50** Milton Jones Live Universe Tour Part One: Earth **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** David Beckham's 25 Years of Sky Sports **1.00** Wild Things **2.00** Futurama **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** The Simpsons **10.00** Micky Flanagan's Detour de France **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Limitless **2.00** Arrow **3.00** Strike Back: Vengeance **4.00** Inside Gatwick **5.00** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** Cold Case **11.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **1.25** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **2.00** Girls **3.10** Cold Case **4.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109
6.15 Who Do You Think You Are? USA **9.00** The Bill **2.00** EastEnders **4.30** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **7.30** Derren Brown: Trick of the Mind **8.00** Doctor Who **9.00** FILM: Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) (15) Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. **11.00** FILM: The Punisher (2004) (18) Comic-book thriller, starring Thomas Jane. **1.25** Emergency Bikers **2.15** Saving Hope **3.00** Home Shopping

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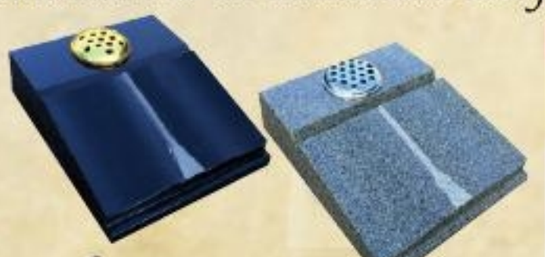

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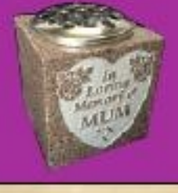

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Sunday April 24th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Antiques Roadshow, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.40 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **8.30 London Marathon** (S) **1.30 BBC News** (S) **1.40 Sunday Politics** (S) **2.50 The Day I Met the Queen** Compilation of stories of people who met Elizabeth II. (S)(R) **3.50 Songs of Praise** Aled Jones presents the grand final of the School Choir of the Year competition from Sheffield City Hall. (S) **4.35 Elizabeth at 90 – A Family Tribute** Birthday celebration using the Queen's personal home movie collection. (S)(R) **6.05 Paul O'Grady: The Sally Army and Me** (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7 **7.00 Countryfile** The team looks at the landscapes across Britain that inspired Shakespeare, while John Craven is joined by Judi Dench to visit a town in Kent where the bard's company performed. (S)

8 **8.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Trentham Gardens near Stoke-on-Trent, where the experts value a selection of rare finds from the region's historic potteries. (S)

9 **9.00 Undercover** Nick resorts to a devastating lie to protect his secret. Maya searches for the missing witness, which leads to a shocking collision between her personal and professional lives. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Stoke City. (S)

11 **11.40 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights** Crystal Palace v Watford. (S)

AFTER **12** **12.10 Would I Lie to You?** (S)(R) **12.40** Snooker: World Championship Extra (S) **3.40** World Snooker: Crucible Classics (S) **5.40** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **5.45** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Natural Born Winners, 8pm

6.30 Gardeners' World Monty Don gets his new vegetable patch under way. (S)(R) **7.00 An Island Parish** (S)(R) **7.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **8.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15 Points of View** (S) **1.30 London Marathon** (S) **2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship** The afternoon session on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. (S) **6.00 London Marathon Highlights** Action from the 36th staging of the event. (S)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship Coverage of the evening's play on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring the second sessions of two matches in the second round. (S)

8.00 Natural Born Winners Donovan Bailey, Gareth Thomas, Iwan Thomas and James Toseland finish their world tour in Japan, where they learn Yabusame, the ancient art of horseback archery. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Louis Theroux – Drinking to Oblivion The reporter visits the liver centre at King's College Hospital and meets alcoholics in need of special treatment as well as their families and the doctors helping them. (S)

10.00 FILM Half of a Yellow Sun (2013) (15) Premiere. Two sisters pursue separate lives in newly-liberated Nigeria, only to get caught up in the civil war. Drama, starring Thandie Newton and Anika Noni Rose. (S)

11.45 Snooker: The World Championship Highlights of the concluding session on day nine. (S)

ITV

Home Fires, 9pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 FIA Formula E Championship** (S) **10.20 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **1.30 All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) **2.15 Fierce** (S)(R) **3.15 Britain's Got Talent** The third round of auditions gets under way. (S)(R) **4.35 Midsomer Murders** Barnaby investigates wedding-themed murders. With Pam Ferris and Kacey Ainsworth. (S)(R) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.40 ITV News** (S) **6.55 The Chase Celebrity Special** (S)

8.00 The Durrells Louisa takes desperate measures when Leslie is accused of armed robbery, and Gerry turns his bedroom into a centre for scientific learning. Guest starring Leslie Caron. (S)

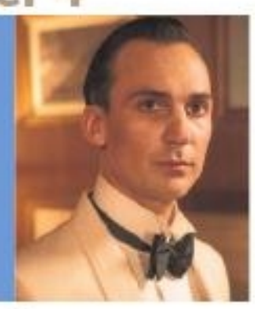
9.00 Home Fires Pat and Marek's relationship is in danger when someone sees them together. The full extent of David's injuries becomes apparent, and Teresa faces letting go of the past. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Flying Scotsman with Robson Green The actor spends a year working with the team of engineers who have been commissioned to rebuild the most famous steam engine in the world. (S)(R)

11.15 Murder, She Wrote An old friend of Jessica's dies and the heir to a fortune, who has been missing for more than 20 years, makes a sudden reappearance. Angela Lansbury stars. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 2.30 Motorsport UK **3.20** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4


Indian Summers, 9pm

6.20 The King of Queens Doug invites Arthur on a night out. (S)(R) **7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Maid in Manhattan (2002) (PG)** (S) **3.35 Location, Location, Location** Revisiting house-hunters in Sussex and Reading, Berkshire. (S)(R) **4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** A couple from Yorkshire seek a retirement home in Barbados. (S) **5.35 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.05 Grand Designs: Living in Suburbia** Favourite suburban builds from the history of the show. (S)(R)

7.00 The Fearless Chef Kiran Jethwa goes to Ethiopia's Danakil Depression, one of the hottest places on Earth, to mine for salt. He also attempts to make ice cream in temperatures of 52C. (S)

8.00 The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls Documentary examining the discovery of dozens of Roman-era skulls beneath London's Liverpool Street station. (S)

9.00 Indian Summers Ralph is forced to decide how far he is prepared to go to achieve his political goals when the Maharajah offers him a deal. Cynthia reveals a secret from her past. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM The Lincoln Lawyer (2011) (15) Thriller, with Matthew McConaughey and Marisa Tomei. (S)

1.10 Embarrassing Bodies Down Under (S)(R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.55** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.20** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.45** Come Dine with Me (S)(R)

Channel 5

Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **12.00 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **1.00 Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **2.00 Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud** Internet clips featuring the antics of budgies and other birds. (S)(R) **3.00 FILM What to Expect When You're Expecting (2012) (12)** Comedy drama, starring Cameron Diaz and Jennifer Lopez. (S) **5.00 FILM Miss Congeniality (2000) (12)** Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock. (S)

7.00 Now That's Funny! Videos of people having very bad days and painful accidents at the US National ping pong championships. (S)

8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas Featuring an act involving doves. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM Runner Runner (2013) (15) A student becomes the protege of a corrupt gambling tycoon in Costa Rica, only to come under pressure from the FBI. Crime thriller, with Justin Timberlake. (S)

10.40 FILM Cradle 2 the Grave (2003) (15) A Taiwanese undercover agent helps a master jewel thief track down the international crimelord who has kidnapped his daughter. Action thriller, with Jet Li. (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.45** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **11.55** Take Me Out **1.05** Catchphrase **1.50** FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00** FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) **3.35** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) **4.35** FYI Daily **4.40** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) **5.30** Britain's Got Talent **6.50** Britain's Got More Talent **7.50** FILM: Paranoia (2013) (12) **8.50** FYI Daily **8.55** FILM: Paranoia (2013) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 On the Buses **6.55** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: Man About the House (1974) (PG) **8.40** Heartbeat **11.00** FILM: Columbo: A Stitch in Crime (1973) (PG) **12.35** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **1.35** FYI Daily **1.40** FILM: The Queen (2006) (12) **2.40** FILM: Ben-Hur (1959) (PG) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** FILM: Ben-Hur (1959) (PG) **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** The Cruise Ship **8.30** Royal Stories **9.00** Great Estates of Scotland **10.20** FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) Historical drama sequel, starring Cate Blanchett. **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40** FILM: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) (12) **12.40** A Touch of Frost **2.40** Doctor at Large **3.05** May the Best House Win **4.45** On the Buses **5.35** Judge Judy **5.55** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Virtuoso Violinists at the BBC **8.00** Yehudi Menuhin: Who's Yehudi? **9.00** Arena: All The World's A Screen – Shakespeare on Film **10.00** FILM: Forbidden Planet (1956) (U) Sci-fi drama, starring Walter Pidgeon. **11.35** Aliens: The Big Think **12.35** Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly **1.35** Natural World **2.35** Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.55** Suburgatory **8.55** Baby Daddy **9.55** Hollyoaks **12.25** Made in Chelsea **1.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.55** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** The IT Crowd **12.10** The 100 **1.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.05** Tattoo Fixers **3.00** A to Z **3.40** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.25** Come Dine with Me **12.00** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **12.30** Vet on the Hill **1.35** Homes by the Med **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Grand Designs New Zealand **9.00** Nightmare on Everest **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Grand Designs New Zealand **2.20** Thicker Than Water **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 From Up on Poppy Hill (2011) (U) **1.00** The Spy Next Door (2010) (PG) **2.50** The Rugrats Movie (1999) (U) **4.25** The Spy Who Came in from the Cold (1965) (PG) **6.50** Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) **9.00** Her (2013) (15) Premiere. Sci-fi drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix and the voice of Scarlett Johansson. **11.25** sex, lies and videotape (1989) (18) Drama, starring James Spader. **1.30** Blind (2014) (18) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 MegaTruckers **8.00** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** Traffic Cops **11.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Blackadder: The Whole Rotten Saga **4.00** Red Dwarf **6.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Parks and Recreation **12.00** Mock the Week **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.30** Idris Elba – King of Speed **3.20** MegaTruckers **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **8.00** Monkey Life **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Extreme Phobias, Extreme Cures **3.00** Futurama **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** The Muppets **6.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **7.00** Wild Things **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** Air Ambulance ER **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **3.00** Strike Back: Vengeance **4.00** Inside Gatwick **5.00** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Urban Secrets **2.00** Without a Trace **6.00** Cold Case **9.00** The Tunnel: Sabotage **10.00** Game of Thrones: Greatest Moments **12.00** Game of Thrones **3.10** Vinyl **4.20** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY: 109
6.00 Bondi Rescue **9.00** My Dream Home **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Doctor Who **6.30** Doctor Who: The Doctors Revisited **7.00** Doctor Who **8.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **9.00** Luther **10.20** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **11.20** Who Do You Think You Are? **12.20** Emergency Bikers **2.10** Atlantis **3.00** Home Shopping

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FAMED violinist Nicola Benedetti joins Armonico Consort musicians to bring the works of the classical greats to life at The Anvil.

By **James Richings**

The show on Sunday, April 24, is expected to be a sell-out and covers pieces by Mozart and Vivaldi.

Nicola's talents have etched her name as one of the world's most renowned classical musicians.

She was the winner of Best Female Artist at the 2012 and 2013 Classical BRIT Awards and has released nine studio albums - three reaching number one in the UK classical chart.

And the 28-year-old Scottish-Italian musician will play in harmony with Armonico Consort, a company founded by musical director and conductor Christopher Monks.

He said: "This is a really exciting and engaging performance with Nicola Benedetti who is probably the most astounding soloist of our generation.

"I was very inspired by the musical approach of David Hill with whom I worked for two years after university whilst one of the organists at Winchester Cathedral.

"It taught me how important it was to keep performances 'live' rather than just 'prepared', and Armonico is one of the most fun and inspiring group of musicians around.

"The players and singers are incredible, but never afraid to allow their characters and enthusiasm to jump out of the stage."

The group develops some of the finest classical performers in the country.

Christopher added: "When conducting, I love the atmosphere that is created.

"I love the passion and love is tangible from the stage, and it really does lift and inspire the musicians to greater things."

Tickets cost from £10 to £35.

The show starts at 7.30pm

• *Musical director and conductor Christopher Monks*

Simon's gauge of comedy success: 'They either laugh, or they don't'

COMEDIAN Simon Evans will be appearing at The Haymarket on Wednesday, May 4.

The 50-year-old from Luton arrives at the Churchill Way venue as part of his UK tour in aid of St Michael's Hospice, with all the proceeds going to the Basingstoke charity.

After completing a degree in law at Southampton University, Simon moved into journalism to refine his writing skills.

It was after reviewing a comedy show that Simon decided to make a move into the industry.

"I really didn't think I would make a living out of stand-up even when I was doing the open spots," Simon told the Observer.

"It seemed more like fun and a way of honing my writing skills because you get found out quickly if your writing isn't up to it.

"You can present something to an editor who can decide if something is funny or not in a paper, but if you're doing it up in front of an audience, they either laugh or they don't.

"One of the things I'm trying to get across in the show is that this is still quite similar to the sort of subject matter you'd approach in comedy.

"It is mainly about human behaviour and idiosyncrasies.

"Traditional comedy is about the gap between what we like to think we're like and what we're actually like if you take a step back and look at it."

The over-16s show costs £16 and starts at 7.30pm.

• *Simon Evans*

Tales from behind the mic

EXPECT a night of reminiscing with two good friends when Peter Baxter and Henry Blofeld arrive at the Phoenix Theatre Arts Centre in Bordon on Friday, April 29.

By **James Richings**

Best known for their cricket commentary, the two friends have been hitting the heights of the entertainment world in recent months, touring the country with their tour 'Rogues on the Road: Blofeld & Baxter'.

The show premiered at last year's Edinburgh Fringe to rave reviews, and their stop in Bordon next Friday is the penultimate show of their current tour.

"The audience can expect a lot of laughs, I hope!" Peter told the Observer.

"The show is broadly based on our experiences on tour round the world covering cricket over the last half-century. That's given us a fund of stories to call on.

"The anecdotes are about things that happen off the field, rather than on it, so no knowledge of - or love for - cricket is required.

"There is plenty on travel, peeks inside the commentary boxes of the world, and India and Australia, where we've both spent quite a bit of time, feature prominently."

The cricketing couple are hoping to strike a few chords with their audience, and Peter thinks there is a certain demographic who might be interested in the show.

When talking about their success at last year's Fringe, Peter said: "A lot of the audience were Test Match Special fans who were pleased and surprised to find we were there.

"Others were curious and found that we gave them a good laugh.

"We're a bit hard to categorise, because they put us down as 'spoken word', which is fair, but we make sure we have an advert amongst the comedy shows in the brochure."

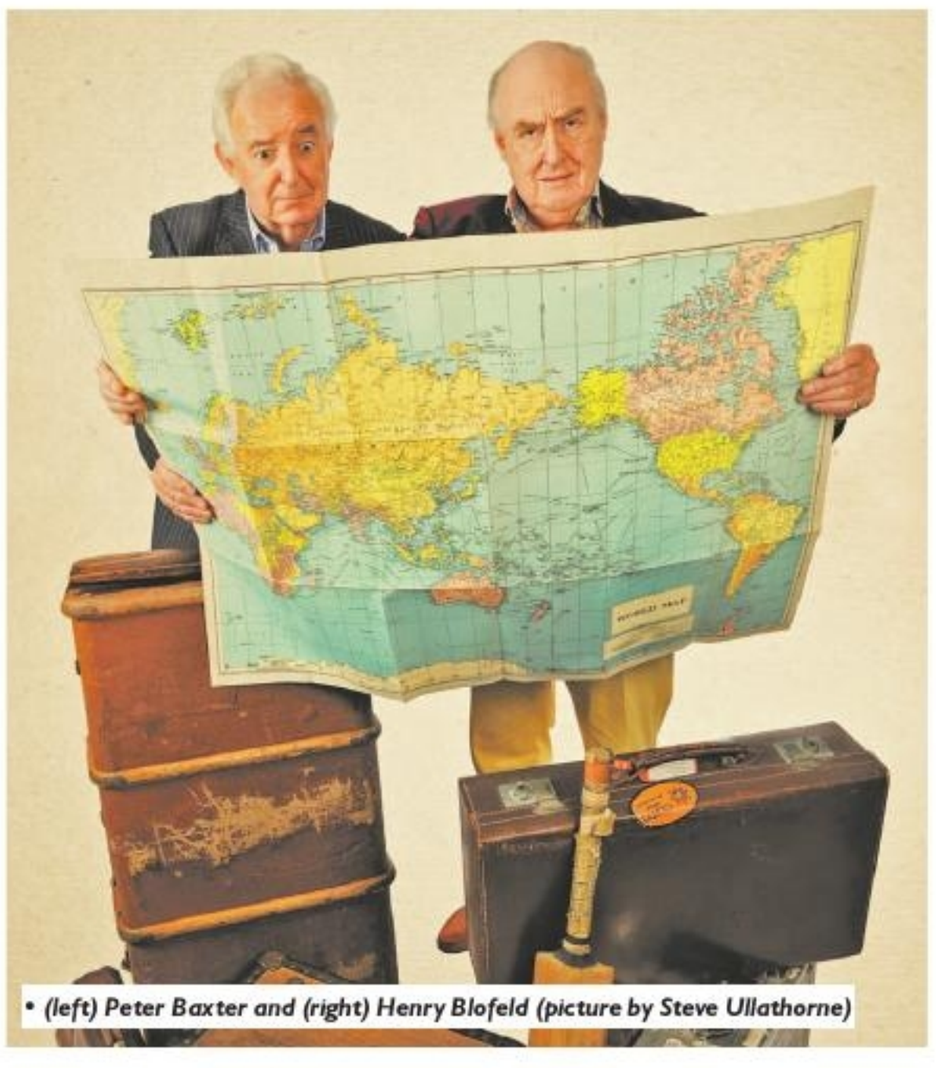
He added: "I suppose we start with a core support of Test Match Special fans, just because they're the ones who have heard of us.

"But I've noticed our audiences cover all ages and types.

"The most gratifying – and it happens after every show – is the wife or girlfriend who comes up and says, 'I didn't know what to expect and I didn't really want to come, but I've really enjoyed it'.

"We've had the same reaction on a couple of occasions from Americans."

Tickets cost £18.50, and the show starts at 8pm.



• *(left) Peter Baxter and (right) Henry Blofeld (picture by Steve Ullathorne)*

Jethro's back in town

COMEDY: Cornish-based comedian Jethro will be returning to Basingstoke for a show at The Haymarket on Wednesday, April 27.

The funnyman returns to the Churchill Way venue as part of his '40 Years The Joker' UK tour.

Tickets cost £21 and the show starts at 7.30pm.

The show is suitable for over 16s.

The Ninja Squirrels

LIVE MUSIC: Farnborough-based covers band The Ninja Squirrels will be performing at the Market Hotel in Alton on Friday, April 22.

The foursome are regulars to Alton, and will be performing in the village four more times before the end of the year.

The gig is free to attend and starts at 9pm.

Calman's comedy

COMEDY: Comedienne Susan Calman will be the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon on Tuesday, April 26.

The 41-year-old from Scotland arrives at the Station Road venue to try out some new material as part of a 'work in progress' show.

The gig starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £10.

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Thu, Apr 21, 7pm
West Berkshire Museum, Newbury
TALK: THE HISTORY OF HIGH STREET FASHION WITH CLARE ROSE
If we could use a time machine to go shopping 100 or 150 years ago, there are some things that would surprise us - like the price of clothes - and some that would be very familiar, like some of the brand names on sale. Using historic garments from museums, and historic shop catalogues that survive in archives, we will explore some of the key developments in British fashion retailing, and consider how they shape our experience today.
Clare Rose is the Lecturer in Contextual studies on the BA programme at the Royal School of Needlework. Her most recent publication is 'Art Nouveau Fashion 1890-1914' (V&A Publishing, 2014) and she has made many media appearances including Great British Sewing Bee Series 1 and 2.
Tickets £5 available from West Berkshire Museum or online at www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Sat, Apr, 23, 7pm
Methodist Church, Newbury
JOHN WESLEY
An Evening with John Wesley is being staged at Newbury Methodist Church on Saturday April, 23. Actor, Mark Topping has been touring the country as the charismatic clergyman for 10 years, performing in more than 150 churches and theatres.
The drama looks at Wesley's adventurous life including his confrontations with the drunken mobs who were frequently stirred up to disrupt his preaching.

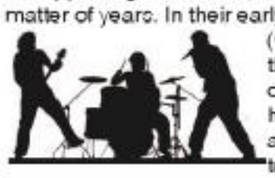
Sun, Apr 24, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
NICOLA BENEDETTI AND ARMONICO CONSORT
One of the most sought after violinists of today and winner of Best Female Artist at the 2012 and 2013 Classical BRIT Awards, Nicola Benedetti joinsArmonico Consort for a wonderfully varied programme.
Mozart's sunny and uplifting Turkish Concerto is certainly the most impressive of his five violin concertos. It surpasses the others in scale and richness of ideas, in brilliance of orchestration and solo-violin writing.Nicola Benedetti also returns to her great love of Italian Baroque, and will be in her element in the two inventive Vivaldi concertos. Between these, Mozart's short choral work includes the beautiful Laudate dominum for soprano.

Tue, Apr 26, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
THE JOKE
The Joke is a new play from comedy award winner Will Adamsdale - and company - exploring jokes and why we tell them, countries and why we need (and despair of) them, and life and why we bother. And tic tacs.

Wed, Apr 27, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
JETHRO
40 Years The Joker
A memorable evening of hysterical nonsense, as we take a peek into the circus lurking deep within the mind of probably the greatest comic storyteller ever to grace the stage. Jethro beguiles and befuddles his audience with the endless stream of irreverent twaddle that has created a comedy genius. Over 4 million DVD sales pay testament to the legion of fans who have followed Jethro faithfully throughout his career.
Now, with stories old and new don't miss Forty Years The Joker.

Fri, Apr 29, 8pm
Keep it Cash
ARLINGTON ARTS CENTRE, NEWBURY
The Keep It Cash show takes the audience through the career of Johnny Cash, from the humble gospel beginnings of the Tennessee two, right to the emotional and final American Recordings. The band fully capture the energy and spirit of the music, in a professionally arranged multi-instrumental stage show.

Sat, Apr 30, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
HUNTER & THE BEAR
Melody-driven folk-rock group Hunter & The Bear have sailed from a sound proofed shipping container in a London car park, to supporting Eric Turner, in just a matter of years. In their early days



(when they only had access to a kick drum and acoustic guitars) comparisons to Mumford & Sons were rife, but the sound has changed and grown as the boys adjust to their skyrocketing popularity and infuse the influences of newer band members. Folk with muscle; beefed out by the addition of an electric guitar and drum to the line-up. Think spirited attack, with an audible friendship in the four-piece's harmonies.

Sat, Apr 30, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
THE BOOTLEG SHADOWS
For anyone who loves the sounds of the 60s and enjoys a few laughs along the way, The Bootleg Shadows perform a tribute that encompasses The Shadows' amazing career from 1960 until the early 80s.
Relive fantastic hits such as Apache, Foot Tapper, FBI, Man of Mystery, Kon Tiki and many more.

Sun, May 1, 7pm
The Nags Head, Newbury
KATY JACKSON
Katy Jackson is a Soul, Ska, Reggae, Old School, Funk and Rock Singer based in Surrey. A well know Artist in demand around the Clubs & Pubs of the U.K. and overseas with events in Portugal's Faro Stadium supporting Soul great Alexander O'Neal. So impressed with Katy's ability he asked her to sing with him on other dates, unfortunately she had other engagements with Session contracts on BBC Drama -55 Degrees North and also Session backing for Amanda White with 'Night Shift' and Eileen Hunter with 'Like I do'.

Thu, May 5, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
THE ALL-STAR STAND-UP TOUR
Featuring double Sony Award-winner and star of Mock the Week Gary Delaney, top comedy trickster and star of BBC One's The Magicians Pete Firman, Kiwi compere Jarred Christmas and unbeaten legend, Never Mind The Buzzcocks team captain and one of channel 4's 100 Greatest Stand-Ups in the World, Sean Hughes.

Tue, May 5 – Mon, May 9
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon
PHOENIX COMEDY CLUB
The Phoenix Comedy Club showcases some of the best upcoming talent in the UK. A comedy club atmosphere in a theatre setting, The Phoenix is a great place to have a laugh.

Tue, May 3, 2.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon
WHIPLASH
Andrew Neiman (Miles Teller) is an ambitious young jazz drummer, in pursuit of rising to the top of his elite music conservatory. Terence Fletcher (J.K. Simmons), an instructor known for his terrifying teaching methods, discovers Andrew and transfers the aspiring drummer into the top jazz ensemble, forever changing the young man's life. But Andrew's passion to achieve perfection quickly spirals into obsession, as his ruthless teacher pushes him to the brink of his ability and his sanity.

Fri, May 6, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
NELL BRYDEN
She's a native New Yorker with a fondness for old-time music and vintage clothes, who's seen the world and absorbed its musical influences: country and jazz, blues and soul, and more besides. You can hear as much of it - or as little - as you care to find in her music. Because, for all its familiar scents and flavours, her songs are distinctly her own.

Sun, May 8, 12.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
MASH IT UP
X-Factor 2015 finalists Reggie 'N' Bollie headline a special family friendly show.
Joining them will be R&B harmony group Rough Copy (X-Factor 2013semi-finalists comprising of Kazeem Ajobo, Sterling Ramsey and Joey J Thomas), fellow X-Factor runner-up Andy Abraham who finished second to Shayne Ward. Andy had previously represented the UK on theEurovision Song Contest, singer-songwriter and rapper Gabz (Britain's Got Talent 2013 finalist with her own song The One) and local dance schoolJG Dance who preview their exciting contemporary programme of current dance, street jazz, commercial, musical theatre and more.

Thu, May 12, 8pm
The Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke
JAN JACK'S LAUGHTER-HOUSE
On May 12, Carl Donnelly, Pete Jonas, Tom Ward and MC Phil Dinsdale will all appear in Basingstoke.

Thu, May 12, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
9BACH
9Bach made their name by taking traditional Welsh folk songs and recasting them onto a spectral and haunting sound canvas.
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Tue, May 17, 7.30pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
TASHI LHUNPO TIBETAN MONKS
Tibetan Chant, mantras, music and dance performed by Buddhist Monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery.
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Fri, May 20, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
THE NOISE NEXT DOOR, PAPPYS & THREE HALF PINTS
The UK's most exhilarating comedy act and master improvisers The Noise Next Door will be delivering explosive doses of their trademark chaotic off-the-cuff comedy right into the funny bones. The Noise Next Door leave audiences everywhere in awe of their lightning quick wit and totally original comedic talents.
Pappys are Britain's best live sketch act, and the true kings of the genre. They have been nominated twice for Best Show at the Edinburgh Festival (2007 & 2012); twice won the Chortle Award for Best Sketch Performers (2008 and 2013).
Hilarious slapstick comedy group The Three Half Pints have received 5 star reviews at their two Edinburgh Fringe Runs and being finalists for the Hobgoblin Comedy Award, the Three Half Pints are fast becoming the next big thing in live comedy.

Thu, May 26, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
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By **Anthony Yates**

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ENGINE: The XC70 I had was fitted with a five cylinder 2,400cc diesel engine. 0-62mph is dealt with in around 9.5sec (auto) and with a top speed of 124mph.

The big plus point of the engine is its torque levels. Add in a combined fuel consumption of 48.7mpg, which for a large estate is frankly amazing.

ON THE ROAD: I expected nothing but the best because my test car was fitted with AWD - which basically means you can take it anywhere you like subject to ride height of course.

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INSIDE: Volvo's interiors are all very similar across all model ranges – but I would really like to see Volvo push the envelope sometimes.

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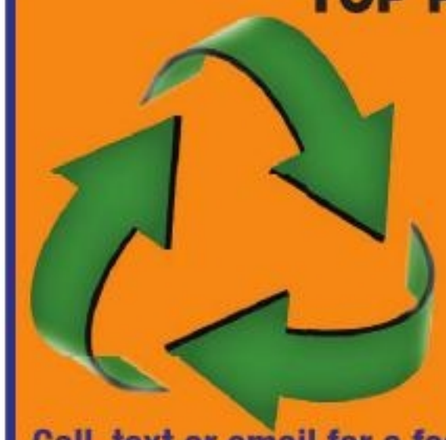

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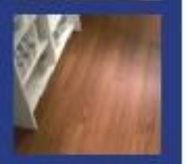

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Dragons set to go full time from next season

BASINGSTOKE Town will go full time starting from next year, the club announced on Tuesday.

By **Christian Wilson**

The majority of the current first-team squad will now have to search for new clubs for next season as the Dragons look to bounce straight back up to the National League South.

It has not yet been confirmed whether 'Stoke will play in the Southern League Premier or Isthmian League Premier next season following their relegation.

But manager Terry Brown has revealed that, in a change of club policy, Basingstoke will look to mount a promotion push next term by focusing on recruiting some of the best young players released by clubs based in the south.

The club will look to keep "two, maybe three, senior players" to form the backbone of the side and provide experience alongside the youngsters.

And Town boss Brown has admitted that the exciting change of model is something that he has been trying to implement for a number of years.

He said: "The plan isn't just to get us straight back up, it's more about the bigger picture than that.

"This is about making the club financially sustainable, without having to rely on one individual pumping thousands in every year.

"There are two, maybe three, senior players we would like to stay and form the backbone of the club, because I'm not silly enough to think you can bring a load of 17-year-olds together and get results."

Town will be looking to offer young players a one-year guaranteed contract, with the prospect of extending their deal by another year, to both aid players' development and help the club in the short-term.

Brown is hoping that this, coupled with the ability to train full-time at the club, will help attract some of the region's best up-and-coming talent.

He said: "This will bring young players through quickly for the benefit of Basingstoke Town.

"Hopefully we can uncover a few gems, it is a bit of a lottery on that front.

"But there are a lot of players out there that are good enough, it's just perhaps they have come from a club with too many players in their position."

The Dragons now sit 10 points below second bottom Havant & Waterlooville at the foot of the league following Saturday's 0-0 draw at play-off hopefuls Dartford.

And Brown has revealed that he will give a few players from the academy a chance to play in the final two games of the season, starting with Saturday's home clash with Truro City.

He added: "My job is to harness our academy.

"I hope to see at least three or four players from our academy in the side next year, and I will give them some minutes before the end of the season."

• Basingstoke Town manager Terry Brown has revealed he is excited by the change in club policy

Impressive showing sees Collard Jr climb table

RICKY Collard is still chasing his first British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDC) Formula 4 win despite an impressive round this weekend.

The Hook-based racer finished second twice and claimed a fourth place finish to end the second meet of the season at Brands Hatch GP with a massive 76 points.

Collard only now trails championship leader Toby Sowery in the standings on his debut season at Formula 4, having made the step up in class from MSA Formula Championship in the summer.

The 19-year-old made a storming start at the Kent circuit on Saturday to qualify in second place, to make up for a largely disappointing debut at Snetterton two weeks earlier.

And Collard, the son of British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) driver Rob Collard, carried on where he left off the following day to hold his position to finish the opening race in second behind Matheus Leist.

The teenager found things more difficult in the second race, as he was unable to find a way past third-placed Enzo Bortoleto.

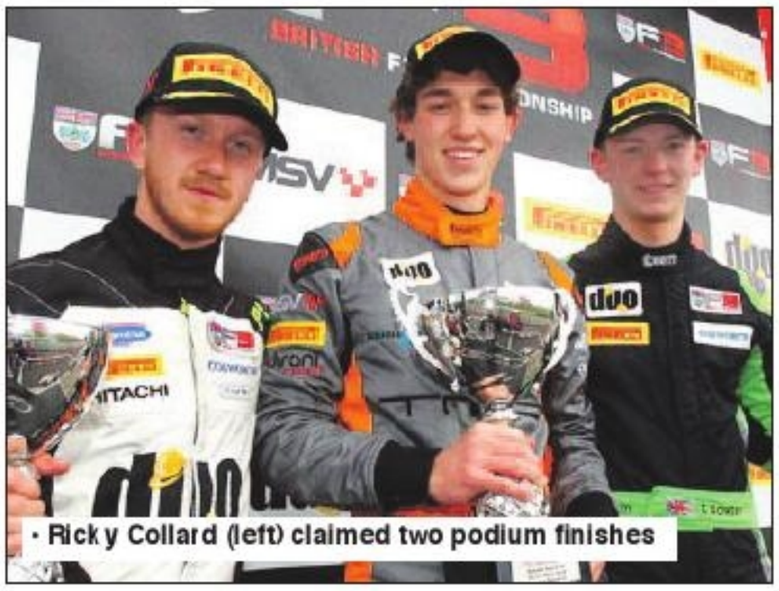
But the Carlin driver didn't have to wait long to get back on the podium, although he was unable to follow his dad in claiming a first win of the campaign on race three, as he was he was held off by team-mate Colton Herta.

Collard said: "I don't know how I've been consistent this weekend the way it turned out.

"There was certainly no shortage of entertainment out there. "I think my result has moved me up quite high in the championship so it's a bit from zero to hero.

"I'm just focusing on getting race wins at present and if that delivers a championship at the end of the year then that's great."

Collard Jr will return to action on the final weekend of the month at Rockingham.



• Ricky Collard (left) claimed two podium finishes

Sport Bites

Cup final woe

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies suffered cup final heartbreak last week.

'Stoke were defeated 2-0 by Portsmouth Ladies in the Hampshire FA Women's Cup final in Havant & Waterlooville.

Portsmouth went into the match as big favourites, having scored more than 10 goals in every round of the competition, while also being two divisions above Basingstoke.

And the Women's Premier League Southern Division side showed their quality to score twice in the second half to clinch the trophy.

Basingstoke will also have to wait a little longer for the Southern Region Women's Football League (SRFWL) Premier Division title after Marlow's match with Banbury United was called off.

Marlow need to win each of their five games to stand any chance of beating 'Stoke.

Last away day

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC were handed yet another defeat on their final away trip of the season on Saturday.

They were beaten 36-7 by Old Reigatian to carry on their record of losing every game in London South West Two this season.

Game called off

CRICKET: Basingstoke and North Hants CC's first friendly of pre-season against Guildford CC 2nds was cancelled on Saturday.

The Bountymen will look to start pre-season properly when they travel to face Sunbury CC and Totton and Eling on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Rare defeat

FOOTBALL: Combined Counties League Premier Division leaders Hartley Wintney suffered a rare defeat on Saturday.

The Row were beaten 1-0 at Chertsey, their first loss in 10 league games, but only need six points from their last four matches to claim the title.

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ROB ON FORM AT DONINGTON

ROB Collard fired himself into championship contention as he picked up his first win of the season at Donington Park on Sunday.

By **Adam Flinn**

The Hook-based British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) driver charged up from sixth on the grid in the second race to secure the 12th win of his career.

And by coming home sixth and fourth in races one and three respectively, Collard has jumped up to fourth in the championship standings, 14 points behind current leader Matt Neal.

Race one saw Collard start sixth on the soft tyres, but got up to fourth by the end of lap one.

However the soft tyres gradually fell away during the course of the race, and Collard slipped back to sixth by the finish.

This meant he would start sixth for race two, and another lightning start got the 47-year-old up to third, although it would take until lap 12 before he got past Tom Ingram for second.

He then hunted down race one winner Mat Jackson, eventually finding his way through going into the Esses following a side-by-side battle to take victory.

Starting eighth in race three, Collard benefitted from many of his rivals having to use the soft tyre, which he had got out of the way earlier on in the day.

He made his way up to fourth and came within three tenths of a second of third by the end of the race, which went to his team-mate Sam Tordoff.

"It's a brilliant feeling to get a win under my belt so early in the season, and at a circuit where we hadn't expected to be quite so strong either," said Collard.

"I could see that Mat Jackson was pushing hard and knew his tyres would start to drop off, and it was just a case of waiting for the right moment to make my move.

"To add a fourth and a sixth and be the highest scorer of the weekend is fantastic and I can't wait to go to my local circuit, Thruxton, next and push on for more of the same."

The next three races at Thruxton are on May 8.

• Rob Collard with his winner's trophy (picture courtesy of btcc.net)

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